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Importance: High

Hi Alex,

As you are aware, we are having a COVID outbreak in the Boise Home that's larger and longer than anticipated. The VA is experiencing a similar situation, so additional "free" help will not be available in the weeks to come. Contract direct care staffing costs have also significantly increased through the regional outbreaks and national shortages have driven up costs due to demand. We are currently going to run short of funding to support these additional staffing costs through the end of December. With the increased spread and surge of cases of COVID in the region and considering these increased costs should all three Homes become infected, worst case we would need ~\$2m in additional funds (we would only spend actual costs but am stating worst case for planning purposes).

If this additional \$2M can be added to our budget, which is quickly dwindling and won't take us through the next couple of weeks, we should be covered until the end of December.

Best Regards,
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